

Long-Term Recommendations For All Resources

1. *All PCC records should use the same general authentication code “pcc” to indicate a Program record where the description meets PCC standards and for which authority records exist for all headings.* Achieving the goal of using “pcc” as the general authentication code for Program records would mean replacing “lc” and “lcd” in CONSER records with “pcc,” so that a clear branding of PCC records could be achieved. OCLC should convert existing records with “lc” and “lcd” to “pcc,” with the proviso that the records carry some indication of this fact in field 936 and the records not be re-distributed to LC.

2. *Investigate the means to meet the need for those CONSER records lacking authority records (chiefly, LC minimal level records and NSDP’s ISSN records) to continue to be distributed via CDS.* The long-standing mechanism for this distribution is use of the 042 code “msc” within CONSER. The “msc” code (or an equivalent code) needs to be extended to integrating resources so that ISSN records for these resources can be distributed. One possible option discussed was to use “pcc-msc” in place of “msc” in order to achieve clear branding of PCC records. However, some group members objected to identifying any bibliographic records (including records for serials and integrating resources) lacking authority records as PCC records. Most members were opposed to considering monographic bibliographic records lacking authority records as BIBCO records.

3. *Re-define encoding levels “blank” and “7” in MARC 21 as follows:*

Encoding Level Blank: Sufficient (or “standard”)

The record contains all the elements necessary for resource discovery and access, including subject headings. The information used in creating the record is derived from an inspection of the actual item (for serials, multipart works, and integrating resources at least one issue, volume, or iteration of the resource).

Encoding Level 7: Limited

The record contains essential descriptive elements, but does not contain a full complement of access points. It may be missing subject headings and/or classification numbers, or missing access points for related names and titles, or some linking fields. The record is considered a final record by the creating agency.